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Re: Ruling on Request to File 2020 Audited Financial Statement
Hope Health Systems, Inc.
Application for Certificate of Need
Docket No.: 20-03-2444

Dear Ms. Harting, Mr. Buck, and Ms. Farrakhan:

On December 29, 2021, Hope Health Systems, Inc. (HHS) submitted a request that I permit HHS to file its 2020 Financial Statement. In support, HHS states:

Question 4c in the August 5, 2021 review questions requested HHS to file its 2020 Audited Financial Statement, and HHS responded that it was not yet completed but would be provided when complete. Accordingly, in light of the directive in your September 24, 2021 letter that no additional filings beyond those referenced in that letter are permitted unless approved by you in advance, HHS respectfully requests your approval to file its 2020 Financial Statement.

I have considered HHS's request to file its 2020 Audited Financial Statement and grant the request because I previously asked HHS to provide its 2020 Audited Financial Statement in my August 5, 2021 letter requesting additional information. HHS is permitted to file its 2020 Audited Financial Statement no later than two (2) business days from receipt of this letter in Portable Document Format (PDF) by email to the interested parties in this review, to Ms. Ruby Potter, and to others copied on the email by which this letter ruling is sent.

The interested parties in this review are permitted, but are not required, to file comments on HHS's 2020 Audited Financial Statement no later than ten (10) days from receipt of HHS's 2020 Audited Financial Statement. No additional filings are permitted in this review.

Please continue to send filings in PDF format by email to the parties in this review, to Ms. Ruby Potter, and to others copied on the email by which this letter ruling is sent. In addition, please send a copy of all filings to Ms. Potter in Word format, since having the filing in that format will assist me in this review.

I remind all parties that this is a contested case and that the *ex parte* prohibitions in the Administrative Procedure Act, Maryland Code Ann., State Gov't §10-219, apply to this proceeding until the Commission issues a final decision.

Sincerely,



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Commissioner/Reviewer

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